The adventure that you are going on today will take you back in time to discover the origins of Fort Monroe and Old Point Comfort and some of the history of the Fort and the area

So find your gps receiver and let's begin the adventure
Your coordinates are
N 37.00254   W 076.30985

Lighthouses have saved many sailors and lives from drowning and mayhem with their comforting beacon to guide the ships safely home

What was the lighthouse used for during the War of 1812?

Subtract 5 from the number of sides of the lighthouse
N _7.00_94   W 76._05_ _

Your first stop will take you to the location of the museum dedicated to the history of Fort Monroe

To find your next stop
The old cistern was on a map created in _ _ _ _
Place the 3rd number in the blanks to find your next stop
N _7.00214 W076._ 11.1

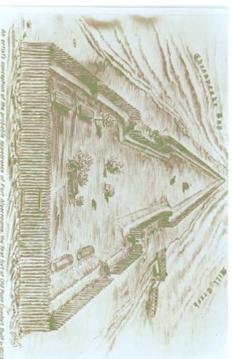Lincoln visited Fort Monroe once during the Civil War and stayed here

How many concrete steps, add this to 26 and fill the blank
N 37 .003_ _   W 076.30807

What is the name of this house?

There were two forts on this site before Ft Monroe, what was the second fort's name

How many four letter words, including proper names are there? Place the answer in the blanks
N 37.00104   W 76.308_ _

At the time this was the largest artillery piece produced during the civil war

What name was it given

Add the last two numbers from the back of the gun to 30710
N 37 .00275 W 076 .307_ _

Fort Monroe and the land around it has played a key role in the history of Africans and their descendants over 400 years.

What was the first name of the first black child born in Hampton?

Count the letters in the title and add 12 to your count
N 37.00115   W 76.307_ _

Across the street from this location you will see a series of stained glassed windows and a marker on the ground, what is the name of these windows

Subtract 1057 from the year on the marker
N 37 .00234 W 076 .30_ _ _ _

Fort Monroe sits on a peninsula that is frequently battered by storms, it became a test site for sea wall construction techniques
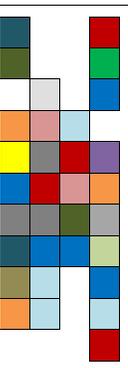
To determine your next stop, subtract 1730 from the year the first concrete seawall was built and fill in the blanks
N 37.00_ _ _   W 076.30643

Who lived across the street from this house? The answer is on a plaque on the wall

Now it is time to solve the puzzle!

Rules for your Geocaching Adventure

1. Each cache has a question, the information is in the area of where you are. Fill in the answers in the available squares. The letters in the color squares you will use in the final puzzle.

2. Please stay on the sidewalks all of the finds are accessible from the sidewalk

3. All caches are virtual caches on this course; please feel free to take plenty of pictures.

4. At times it may appear that you are going in the wrong direction, look at the map and see where the roads lead.

5. Fort Monroe was a functioning U.S. Army base until recently, there are a number of Bunkers, Batteries, and other Buildings that may contain hazardous materials, including asbestos. They may look interesting to explore, please don't, unless it specifies visitors welcomed.

6. Before crossing roads, check for traffic both ways.

7. Have Fun.

Other Resources to better understand the history of Fort Monroe:

1. http://www.hampton.gov/fort monroe/history.html

2. http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/Fort-Monroes-Lasting-Place-in-History.html

3. http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/ops/coastal-defense.htm

4. Fort Monroe (Images of America: Virginia) (Images of America (Arcadia Publishing)) by Paul S. Morando and David J. Johnson (Paperback - Nov 10, 2008)

5. Fort Monroe: The Key to the South (VA) (Civil War History Series) by John V. Quarstein and Dennis Mroczkowski (Paperback - Jan 4, 2000)

6. War memories of Fort Monroe and vicinity. Containing an account of the memorable battle between the "Merrimac" and "Monitor," the incarceration of Jefferson C.[1] Davis, and other topics .. by H K. W Patterson (Paperback - Sep 8, 2010)

Welcome
To
Discovering History
At

Fort
Monroe
Hampton, Virginia

This adventure brought to

you by

Hampton Convention &
Visitor Bureau

Hampton
THIS IS
VIRGINIA

www.visithampton.com